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FOR: EMULSIFICATED TIP FOR OCULISTIC SURGER, PARTICULARLY
 FOR PHACOEMULSIFICATION OF CATARACT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) [Improved] A tip for oculistic surgery, particularly for the removal of a
 cataract, said tip having a proximal joint end and a distal end, [contacting] which contacts the
 crystalline during [the] a surgical intervention, [characterised in that] wherein the distal end
 [contacting] which contacts a corneal or sclera tissue is coated with an anti-friction treatment,
 based on carbon and tungsten carbide.

2. (Amended) [Improved] The tip according to claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein
 said treatment is carried out by a PVD (Physical Vapour Deposition) technique.

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1 3. (Amended) [Improved] The tip according to [claim 1 or 2, characterised in that] claim
2 1, wherein a thin layer of chromium (Cr₁) is applied during [said] the treatment, to improve
3 adhesion of the subsequent depositions.

1 4. (Amended) [Improved] The tip according to [claim 1 or 2, characterised in that] claim
2 1, wherein said proximal joint end is subjected to polishing.

1 5. (Amended) [Improved] The tip according to [one of the preceding claims, characterised
2 in that] claim 1, wherein said end is shaped with different angles and geometry.

Please cancel the following claims without prejudice or disclaimer:

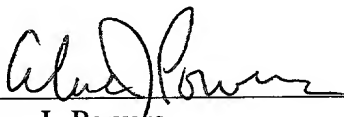
Please cancel claim 6.

REMARKS

The present preliminary amendment is submitted in order to correct the improper multiple dependency of claims as originally filed and to place the claims in proper format.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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CLAIMS

1 1. A tip for oculistic surgery, particularly for the removal of a cataract, said tip having
2 a proximal joint end and a distal end, which contacts the crystalline during a surgical
3 intervention, wherein the distal end which contacts a corneal or sclera tissue is coated with an
4 anti-friction treatment, based on carbon and tungsten carbide.

1 2. The tip according to claim 1, wherein said treatment is carried out by a PVD
2 (Physical Vapour Deposition) technique.

1 3. The tip according to claim 1, wherein a thin layer of chromium (Cr₁) is applied
2 during the treatment, to improve adhesion of the subsequent depositions.

1 4. The tip according to claim 1, wherein said proximal joint end is subjected to
2 polishing.

1 5. The tip according to claim 1, wherein said end is shaped with different angles and
2 geometry.